

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

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September 11, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

443 S. 135th West

Severn (7) District Advisory Board Members attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Also in attendance were four (4) City staff. Approximately 15 members of the public were present with 9 signing the sign-in sheet.

Members Present

Bob Bulman
Dave Dennis
Maurice Ediger
Andy Johnson
John Marker
Clarke Sandberg
DeAnn Sullivan
Council Member Bob Martz

Members Absent

Dave Almes
Jerry Hoggatt
Ann Welborn

Staff Present

Officer Brad Haught, Police
Officer Patricia Brock, Police
Officer George Birdwell, Police
Sharon Dickgrafe, Law
Shawn Mellies, Public Works
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Guests

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Call to Order

Council Member Bob Martz called the meeting to order at 7:04. He explained to the public that all people who wish to speak on an agenda item should wait until the public is given the opportunity while reviewing the item. If the public has items to present that are not the agenda, they can be presented on the Public Agenda portion. The Council Member asked persons to be courteous and refrain from debating or making disrespectful comments or actions while others were speaking.

The Council Member then asked for approval of the minutes for the August 7, 2006. The minutes were approved as written with motion passing 7:0 (**Dennis/Marker**). No changes to the agenda were presented.

Patsy Eichacker, Deputy City Clerk, swore in all Board Members present.

Staff Reports

Community Police Report

Officer Brad Haught, Beat 199, reported on policing activities for District V of the West Patrol during the past month, including Beats 19, 199, and portions of 16 & 18. He introduced Officer Brock of Beat 18 and Officer Birdwell of Beat 19. He reported that a Safety Fair was held recently with over 100 children being registered through the Identi-A-Kid program. The fair was organized

by a number of law enforcement agencies including the city, the county, and several small communities.

Officer Haught reported crime trends for District V, saying first that Beats 19 & 199 were still experiencing a number of burglaries due to open garages. Vehicles in the garages are mainly targeted for any purses, cell phones, etc. in the vehicle, if left unlocked. Checkbooks, credit cards, and other personal information are then used for financial crimes. Officers are contacting the residents when they find garage doors open and unlocked vehicles parked at residences. He said Swanson Park was also being targeted for these items as people leave their vehicles unlocked while walking/running in the park.

Robberies have been occurring through drive-through windows at fast food restaurants, especially MacDonalds and Burger King. In Beat 18, one particular area around K-42 has experienced theft of trailers & construction equipment.

Speeding on Kellogg continues to be a problem even with extra enforcement & media attention focused on the concern for several months. Police are still writing a number of speeding tickets.

Traffic accidents increased from July for Beat 199 while Beat 19 decreased and Beat 18 remained about the same. These areas include the intersections of 21st & Maize, Central & Ridge, and Central & Tyler as high accident intersections.

Residential burglaries were higher for all three beats while non-residential burglaries decreased. Auto theft was down but larcenies from autos doubled for Beat 199 and remained the same for Beats 18 & 19. Vandalism was down which is typical with school starting again.

Johnson asked if the auto larcenies were higher for apartment complexes versus single residential units. **Officer Haught** said the single-family homes were higher. A questions was then asked if the mailbox burglaries were continuing to which the Officers present said they weren't aware of any although the people doing this may have moved to another area or be using a different approach to obtain the financial information of residents.

Officer Haught reported information collected to date for investigation of complaints about speeding on Redbarn Street and the request for stop signs on Redbarn at the intersection of Quail Lane. The radar trailer was set up for approximately five days in the last week including over the weekend. Vehicles moving at speeds over the speed limit of 35 mph were recorded only during very late night or early morning hours. An average number of vehicles per day (vpd) of 770 was recorded on Redbarn during the information collection time. Several residents spoke about their concerns of not having sidewalks, children riding tricycles in the street, & residents not feeling safe to walk in the street. Staff will ask Traffic Engineering to collect & provide more information including typical numbers of vpd for a residential street. It was pointed out that stop signs must be warranted; that is, meet certain criteria to be placed at a particular site. More information for the stop sign warrant will come from Traffic Engineering.

New Business

Proposed Rodeo Regulations

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law, presented an updated set of comprehensive ordinances for licensure and regulation of rodeos events to coincide with any revised land use and development regulations. City

Council requested on August 15, 2006 that staff present the proposed regulations to all District Advisory Boards for comment. DAB V Members had few comments, asking only if the size of a building was specified for indoor rodeos. Staff explained that other codes required certain conditions for animals & also for attendance capacity. **Council Member Martz** explained how issues of noise, safety for animals, & odors from outdoor rodeos in other areas of the city had caused Council to request that staff research & make recommendations.

Action: No comments were provided.

Sanitary Sewer

Shawn Mellies, Public Works, presented a petition to construct a Sanitary Sewer to serve three lots located north of 8th St. North, east of Arapaho. The lots are located in a residential area that is currently served by private septic tank systems. The signatures on the Petition represent 1 of 3 (33.3%) resident owners and 63.6% of the improvement district area. State Statutes provide that a Petition is valid if signed by a majority of resident property owners or owners of the majority of property in the improvement district, making this petition valid.

The estimated project cost is \$69,000 with the total assessed to the improvement district. In addition, a sewer main benefit fee of \$1,800 will be assessed to the improvement district. The method of assessment is the square foot basis. The estimated assessment to individual properties is \$1.36 per square foot of ownership plus \$00.035 per square foot for the main benefit fee.

The proposed project addressed the Transforming Wichita Goal of Efficient Infrastructure by providing municipal sanitary sewer service to residential properties.

Questions from the Board included why the area was not involved in the benefit district across the street when sanitary sewer was constructed for that area. **Mellies** said the property owners in the proposed benefit district may not have had issues with their septic systems or might not have been in the city at the time. **DAB Members** asked if any of the septic systems were not functioning properly; was this the reason for the petition? Mellies said that was the case with one system.

Johnson (Bulman) moved that the Board recommend approval for the petition to construct sanitary sewer for the designated area. Motion passed 7:0.

Action: Recommended approval

Public Agenda

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present items not shown as part of the regular meeting agenda.

Scheduled Items

- **Paving of 29th between Hoover & Ridge**

Janice Cusick, 6303 W. 29th Street, presented a request signed by 9 of the 10 property owners for the Board to reconsider the paving of 29th Street between Hoover & Ridge Road. She said the 10th property owner was in agreement but out of town and unable to sign the petition. Issues that affect the owners include dust, washboard condition, & a high number of vehicles per day (vpd) including truck traffic. She said that vpd had grown from 233 in 2000 to 1,753 in 2006. Some of the growth

is attributed to new housing additions along Ridge. Cusick said she had reviewed the CIP and a four-lane project for this portion of 29th is not shown in the CIP nor is funding for a bridge over the floodway. She passed pictures of vehicles stirring up dust on the unpaved road and asked for input.

Council Member Martz stated that his main area of concern due is straightening Central between 119th & 135th due to the number of accidents. To fund the Central project, the funding that had been designated for this portion of 29th and for paving 13th between 119th & 135th will be used for straightening Central. The other two projects have been deferred. He said he had talked with Public Works about using different materials on this portion of 29th to help reduce the dust. Currently, no alternatives had been identified but Public Works is still researching. Council Member Martz also noted that the projects shown in the CIP are proposed with the CIP document being a working plan which is subject to change if other priorities emerge.

Brian Frye, 3109 Ridge Port, stated that as a resident of Ridgeport located to the northwest of this unpaved road, he preferred this portion of 29th Street remain unpaved to encourage people not to speed.

Another **resident** along 29th Street asked what could be done to convince the Council Member that the 29th Street paving is needed. Council Member Martz said that at the current time, his priority is to see that Central is made safer by straightening the alignment to reduce accidents.

Action: No action taken.

Off-Agenda Items

- **Kay Johnson, Environmental Services**, reported that the department has had 11,000 cases of tall grass & weeds this year, which is an increase over the 8,000 from last year. District V doesn't have very many of those cases compared to other districts but the department has tried focused on arterial streets in District V. The largest problem areas are situations in which residences back up to arterials and their fence faces the street as the property owners don't take care of the right of way area between the street and the fence.

The department is now sending only one letter (notice of violation) in a calendar year. Subsequently, if the property owner allows the weeds & grass to grow beyond 12" again, the property is turned over to the contractor to mow without notice. This action adds a charge of \$111 to the property owner's taxes.

Dennis noted that with the storms this summer, many homes have needed their roofs repaired. When roofers haul away the old materials, some of the materials are spilled onto the streets. Is this a violation and if so, how is it handled? **Johnson** said Police typically write tickets for this situation.

Action: Receive & file.

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues, and Reports

Report on activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or District V.

- **Council Member Martz** reported on a meeting with Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to widen the intersection of I-235 & Central. It was proposed that by moving the sidewalks outside the concrete pillars, another lane could be added in each direction. This would provide 3 lanes for traveling east and west. KDOT was very supportive of the proposed work and plans to begin the project as soon as possible.
- **Council Member Martz** asked if any of the board members were interested in serving on the Arts & Cultural Board. **Brian Frye, 3109 Ridge Port**, volunteered for the position and **Council Member Martz** said they would visit about it after the meeting.
- **DAB Members**
Ediger raised the issue of speed tables, saying the DAB had asked for several years that the City examine this speed control strategy for residential areas. He asked that this be considered again. Ediger also asked what had happened to the previous initiative for making restaurants in the City operate as “no smoking” establishments, citing a presentation 3-4 years ago by the Anti-Tobacco Coalition. It was not really known what had happened to that initiative.
- **Bulman** said the potholes on Zoo were still there. Another pothole was identified just south of the Maple & 119th intersection in a northbound lane. **Staff** agreed to ask Public Works to locate & repair.
- **Johnson** reported that the portion showing Old Town on Channel 7 is not very good. He said it was a poor video with poor sound. **Staff** will contact City Arts about the problem.
- **Johnson** also said he had concerns when Police are warning the public about preventing identity theft while the City has an ordinance that requires guests at motels & hotels to be registered with their driver’s license number. **Staff** said that Captain Terry Nelson, West Bureau Commander, would be contacted to clarify. It was also suggested that Police place warnings about identify theft on television & other media sources.

Action: Staff will address items.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board V will be scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at **7:00 p.m. on October 2, 2006**, the regular meeting date of first Monday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
City Council District V

Guests

Bryan Frye	1309 Ridge Port, 67205
Betty Ladwig	406 N. Jaax
James Byrnes	9500 Delana, 67212
Paul Tobia	12102 Ridgpoint, 67235
Nancy Berry	743 N. Chickadee, 67212

Guests (continued)

Earl Holmes	820 N. Chickadee, 67212
Marty Holmes	820 N. Chickadee, 67212
Jerry Goodwin	14508 W. Kellogg, 67235
Casey Taichman	758 N. Redbarn